

APPENDIX A. The Mysore Representative Assembly.

BIRTHDAY SESSION, 1922.

INTERPELLATIONS.

MR. B. SRINIVASIENGAR, ANEKAL TALUK.—

Q.—1. (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of average annual Travelling Allowance drawn by the Police Staff of each Taluk in the four Districts, prior to, and after, the introduction of the separation of Judicial and Executive functions?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the average number of days in each month the Police Officers and officials had to spend in attending the Special Courts and the average number of days in each month they had to spend for the journey to go to Special Courts?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of days each witness had to attend the Special Courts and to return without being examined in cases which were, and are pending for more than six months?

(4) Therefore, considering that the Police Staff have to spend all their time outside their jurisdiction in attending the Special Courts, that heavy sum spent in travelling allowance to the Police Staff to attend the Special Courts will almost equal the expenditure that may be incurred in establishing Sub-Magistrate's Court in each Taluk, since no extra expenditure is necessary for the clerical staff, contingency, and further considering the worry and trouble to the public, will the Government be graciously pleased to give a Sub-Magistrate's Court to each Taluk in the interest of public welfare?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1), (2) and (3) Information has been called for and will be communicated to the Member.

(4) The proposal cannot be adopted as it is too costly.

MESSRS. H. KRISHNAMURTI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK AND P. KANNI SETTAPPA, CHIKBALLAPUR TALUK.—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) What is the total area of the wet and garden lands respectively in the State?

(b) What is the revenue derived annually from each? Is there any difference between the rates of assessments on lands irrigated by the channels of the Cauvery and other rivers in the State and on lands under tanks which depend solely on rains? If so, how is the assessment fixed on each kind?

(c) What is the total area of the lands irrigated by river channels and lands fed by tanks in the State respectively?

(d) Is there any difference in fixing the assessment on lands under major and minor tanks? If none, is it not proper to reduce the assessment on lands under minor tanks suitably, say, 3 rupees per acre?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) Total area of wet lands .. 9,77,851 acres.
Do. garden „ .. 3,03,769 acres.

(b) Annual Revenue.—

Information is not readily available. It will be obtained and furnished to the Members.

The rates of assessment on lands under river channels are higher than those on lands under tanks on account of the water supply being more assured.

(c) Lands irrigated by river channels .. 1,25,601 acres.
Lands under tanks .. 7,44,247 acres.

(d) There is difference between the rates fixed on lands under major and minor tanks for the same reason as is explained under (b).

The suggestion of the Members for reducing the rate to Rs. 3 per acre for lands under minor tanks is not understood as the existing rate is as low as Rs. 1-4-0 in some cases.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

How long is it since the appointment of the Retrenchment Committee? In which of the Departments and to what extent in each, have the Committee reduced the expenditure? And in which other Departments have they proposed to reduce the expenditure and in what respects? And what may be the probable savings annually by such reduction?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The Special Finance Committee began its sittings on 13th February 1922 and has submitted an *ad interim* report which is placed before the Assembly.

MESSRS. BHASKARAPPA, SRINIVASAPUR TALUK AND T. SRINIVASACHAR, KOLAR TOWN MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the total amount of the Railway Cess collected till now Districtwar?

(2) What amount, out of the total collections from the Railway Cess, has till now been spent over the construction of Railways?

(3) How is the amount realised from the Railways so constructed, being spent?

(4) Is there any time limit for the levy of the Railway Cess?

(5) Or, will the Government render this Cess permanent?

(6) How many Committees of local representatives are there to supervise the *jama-kharch* of the Railway Cess?

(7) If no such Committees exist at present, do the Government contemplate the organisation of any Boards?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Amount of Railway Cess collected is as follows:—

Kolar	..	Rs. 4,37,426
Shimoga	..	Rs. 1,41,722 up to the end of the year 1920-21 <i>plus</i> Rs. 21,811-2-11 up to the end of March 1922.
Tumkur	..	Rs. 2,15,485 up to the end of February 1922.
Mysore	..	Rs. 2,38,855 Do.
Chitaldrug	..	Rs. 3,00,659.
Kadur	..	Rs. 2,22,242 up to the end of March 1922.
Bangalore and Hassan	..	Railway Cess not levied.